

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A software tool for installing a software component on a server computer system, comprising:

a user interface component that renders a plurality of setup prompts to a user, suppresses at least one of the plurality of setup prompts and obtains a user command; ~~and~~

a setup component that senses an attribute of a registry of the server computer system, which attribute is associated with a low functionality suite package and a higher functionality suite package, the setup component selectively provides at least one of a standard setup prompt, an additional setup prompt and a substitute setup prompt, and selectively suppresses at least one setup prompt according to the attribute ~~selectively provides at least one setup prompt to the user interface component according to the attribute~~, and selectively installs the software component on the computer system according to the user command; and

a prompt counter that tracks the number of setup prompts provided to a user until a maximum prompt value has been exceeded, once the maximum prompt value has been reached, a setup operation is performed according to the user commands obtained from the setup prompts.

2. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 1, the setup component selectively suppresses at least one setup prompt from the user interface component if the attribute indicates the at least one setup prompt is unnecessary.

3. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 2, the at least one setup prompt comprises a selection between at least two setup parameters, and the setup component selects one of the at least two setup parameters according to the attribute.

4. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 3, the setup component selectively installs the software component on the computer system using the selected one of the at least two setup parameters.
5. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 4, the attribute comprises data stored in the computer system.
6. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 5, the data comprises a registry key.
7. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 6, the software component comprises one of an operating system and an application.
8. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 7, the software component comprises a plurality of program components, and the setup component-selectively installs at least one of the plurality of program components according to the attribute.
9. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 1, the at least one setup prompt comprises a selection between at least two setup parameters, and the setup component selects one of the at least two setup parameters according to the attribute.
10. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 9, the setup component selectively installs the software component on the computer system using the selected one of the at least two setup parameters.
11. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 10, the attribute comprises a registry key.
12. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 11, the software component comprises one of an operating system and an application.

13. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 12, the software component comprises a plurality of program components, and the setup component selectively installs at least one of the plurality of program components according to the attribute.

14. (Currently Amended) A software setup tool for performing a setup operation in a server computer system, comprising:

a setup component that senses an attribute of a registry of the server computer system, which attribute is associated with a low functionality suite package and a higher functionality suite package, the setup component selectively provides at least one of a standard setup prompt, an additional setup prompt and a substitute setup prompt, and selectively suppresses at least one setup prompt according to the attribute and selectively provides one of standard prompting and special prompting to a user according to the attribute; and

a user interface component that renders a plurality of setup prompts to a user, suppresses at least one of the plurality of setup prompts and obtains at least one setup parameter; and

a prompt counter that tracks the number of setup prompts provided to a user until a maximum prompt value has been exceeded, once the maximum prompt value has been reached, a setup operation is performed according to the at least one setup parameter obtained from the plurality of setup prompts.

15. (Previously presented) The software setup tool of claim 14, the setup component further selectively performs at least one setup operation according to the at least one setup parameter and the attribute.

16. (Previously presented) The software setup tool of claim 15, the attribute comprises a registry key.

17. (Previously presented) The software setup tool of claim 16, the setup component further selectively suppresses at least one setup prompt from the user interface component if the attribute indicates the at least one setup prompt is unnecessary.

18. (Previously presented) The software setup tool of claim 17, the at least one setup prompt comprises a selection between at least two setup parameters, and the setup component selects one of the at least two setup parameters according to the attribute.

19. (Previously presented) The software setup tool of claim 18, the setup component selectively installs a software component on the computer system using the selected one of the at least two setup parameters.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method of performing a setup operation in a server computer system, comprising:

sensing an attribute of a registry of the server computer system, which attribute is associated with a low functionality suite package and a higher functionality suite package; ~~and~~
selectively providing at least one of a standard setup prompt, an additional setup prompt and a substitute setup prompt according to the attribute ~~one of standard prompting and special prompting to a user in association with the setup operation according to the attribute;~~
selectively suppressing at least one setup prompt according to the attribute;
rendering a plurality of setup prompts to a user;
obtaining at least one setup parameter;
tracking the number of setup prompts provided to a user until a maximum prompt value has been exceeded; and
performing at least one setup operation according to the at least one setup parameters obtained from the plurality of setup prompts once the maximum prompt value has been reached.

22-23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23, the attribute comprises a registry key.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, the at least one setup prompt comprises a selection between at least two setup parameters and the act of suppressing at least one setup prompt from the user interface component comprises selecting one of the at least two setup parameters according to the attribute.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 26, selectively performing at least one setup operation comprises selectively installing a software component on the computer system using the selected one of the at least two setup parameters.

28. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-executable instructions for performing a setup operation of a server computer system:

sensing an attribute of a registry of the server computer system, which attribute is associated with a low functionality suite package and a higher functionality suite package; ~~and~~
selectively providing at least one of a standard setup prompt, an additional setup prompt and a substitute setup prompt
~~one of standard prompting and special prompting to a user in association with the setup operation according to the attribute;~~
selectively suppressing at least one setup prompt according to the attribute;
rendering a plurality of setup prompts to a user;
obtaining at least one setup parameter;
tracking the number of setup prompts provided to a user until a maximum prompt value has been exceeded; and
performing at least one setup operation according to the at least one setup parameters obtained from the plurality of setup prompts once the maximum prompt value has been reached.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 29, further comprising computer-executable instructions for selectively performing at least one setup operation according to the at least one setup parameter.

31. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 30, the computer executable instructions for sensing an attribute associated with the computer system comprise computer executable instructions for sensing a registry key.
32. (Canceled)
33. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 32, the at least one setup prompt comprises a selection between at least two setup parameters, and the computer executable instructions for suppressing at least one setup prompt from the user interface component comprises computer executable instructions for selecting one of the at least two setup parameters according to the attribute.
34. (Previously presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 33, the computer executable instructions for selectively performing at least one setup operation comprise computer executable instructions for selectively installing a software component on the computer system using the selected one of the at least two setup parameters.
35. (Currently Amended) A software tool for performing a setup operation in a server computer system, comprising:
- means for sensing an attribute of a registry of the server computer system, which attribute is associated with a low functionality suite package and a higher functionality suite package; ~~and~~
 - means for selectively providing at least one of a standard setup prompt, an additional setup prompt and a substitute setup prompt ~~one of standard prompting and special prompting to a user in association with the setup operation according to the attribute;~~
 - means for selectively suppressing at least one setup prompt according to the attribute;
 - means for rendering a plurality of setup prompts to a user;
 - means for obtaining at least one setup parameter;
 - means for tracking the number of setup prompts provided to a user until a maximum prompt value has been exceeded; and
 - means for performing a setup operation according to the at least one setup parameters obtained from the plurality of setup prompts, once the maximum prompt value has been reached.

36. (Canceled)
37. (Previously presented) The software tool of claim 36, the attribute comprises a registry key.
38. (Canceled)
39. (Currently Amended) A data packet adapted to be transmitted between at least two server processes, comprising:
- a setup component that senses an attribute of a registry of the server computer system, which attribute is associated with a low functionality suite package and a higher functionality suite package, the setup component selectively provides at least one of a standard setup prompt, an additional setup prompt and a substitute setup prompt, and selectively suppresses at least one setup prompt according to the attribute and selectively provides one of standard prompting and special prompting to a user according to the attribute; and
 - a user interface component that renders a plurality of setup prompts to a user, suppresses at least one of the plurality of setup prompts and obtains at least one setup parameter; and
 - a prompt counter that tracks the number of setup prompts provided to a user until a maximum prompt value has been exceeded, once the maximum prompt value has been reached, a setup operation is performed according to the at least one setup parameters obtained from the plurality of setup prompts.

40. (Currently Amended) A system that facilitates an installation of a server operating system, comprising:

a setup component that senses an attribute of a registry associated with the server operating system, and in accordance with the attribute, selectively provides at least one of standard prompts for loading a standard functionality installation of server components and special prompts for loading a special lower functionality installation of server components, and selectively suppresses at least one setup prompt in accordance with the attribute; ~~and~~

a user interface component that renders at least one of the standard prompts and the special prompts, suppresses at least one of the standard prompts, and receives at least one setup parameter; and

a prompt counter that tracks the number of setup prompts provided to a user until a maximum prompt value has been exceeded, once the maximum prompt value has been reached, a setup operation is performed according to the at least one setup parameter obtained from the at least one standard prompts and the special prompts.

41. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, the standard functionality installation includes the rendering of a standard prompt that is a licensing page, which licensing page is not rendered during the special lower functionality installation.

42. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, the server operating system is installed in a per server mode when the attribute indicates the special lower functionality installation of server components.

43. (Previously presented) The system of claim 42, the per server mode invokes a fixed number of client user licenses.

44. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, the standard functionality installation includes the rendering of a standard prompt that is a licensing page.

45. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, only the special lower functionality installation requires the rendering of a workgroup/domain page.

46. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, the special lower functionality installation includes installing the server operating system in accordance with a default workgroup.

47. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, the special prompts are included in the standard prompts.

48. (Previously presented) The system of claim 40, the special prompts are included in the standard prompts, such that some of the standard prompts are by-passed during the special lower functionality installation in accordance with the attribute.